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SUBJECT: NVA/VC TREATMENT OF PEOPLE IN RECENTLY CAPTURED  
AREAS

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REFERENCE: STATE 4720

1. FOLLOWING REPORT WAS PROVIDED BY A NATIONAL POLICE  
OFFICER WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO NATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
IN DA NANG. ESCAPED FROM DA NANG ON APRIL 8 AND  
AFTER MAKING HIS WAY TO SAIGON ON APRIL 12, DISCLOSED  
THAT AFTER HAVING TAKEN COMPLETE CONTROL OF CITY.  
COMMUNISTS PROCEEDED TO SET UP THEIR ORGANIZATION AS  
FOLLOWS:

2. POLITICAL: COMMUNISTS BEGAN LIQUIDATING AND DETAINING  
BUDDHIST YOUTHS WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN DEMONSTRATION  
UNDER BANNER OF FORCES OF NATIONAL CONCILIATION AND  
CONCORD, WHICH WAS AIMED AT HELPING THE COMMUNISTS TAKE  
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OVER DA NANG DURING INITIAL DAYS. BY WAY OF EXPLANATION,

COMMUNISTS SAID THAT SUCCESSES OF REVOLUTION ARE PEOPLE'S ACHIEVEMENTS, NOT THOSE OF A PARTICULAR PARTY OR RELIGIOUS GROUP. PEOPLE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN STRUGGLE FOR MANY YEARS AND HERE COME RESULTS. SINCE FORCES OF NATIONAL CONCILIATION AND CONCORD EMERGED MOMENTARILY, GRASPING OPPORTUNITY: IT HAS NOT PERFORMED A PROTRACTED STRUGGLE AND ACCEPTED COUNTLESS SACRIFICES AS PEOPLE HAVE DONE. SO, THESE FORCES ARE NOT WORTHY OF ENJOYING REVOLUTION'S MERITS. FORCES OF NATIONAL CONCILIATION AND CONCORD OPERATED FOR ONLY THREE DAYS; THEN ALL OF ITS CADRES WERE ARRESTED BY COMMUNISTS. BASED ON FOREMENTIONED ALLEGATIONS, COMMUNISTS CONDUCTED SEARCHES AND ARRESTED ALL MEMBERS OF FORCES OF NATIONAL CONCILIATION AND CONCORD AND SENT THEM TO INDOCTRINATION CAMP. TO DATE NO ONE HAS RETURNED. COMMUNISTS ALSO CALLED AT EACH PAGODA TO WARN MONKS THAT THEY WOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS.

3. COMMUNISTS ORGANIZED COLLECTIVE EXECUTION OF ABOUT 30 PERSONS AT CHO CON MARKET AND BURIED THEM IN TWO GRAVES. THOSE EXECUTED WERE CONDEMNED AS ELEMENTS HARMFUL TO PEOPLE AND REVOLUTION. COMMUNISTS ALSO HERDED GREAT NUMBERS OF RVN TROOPS, CIVIL SERVANTS, CADRES AND POLICEMEN INTO JUNGLE FOR INDOCTRINATION COURSES. REMAINDER OF PEOPLE WERE ORGANIZED INTO GROUPS OF THREE HOUSEHOLDS SO THAT FAMILIES COULD SPY ON EACH OTHER AND REPORT ON THEIR DAILY ACTIVITIES TO AUTHORITIES.

4. CULTURAL: ALL TEACHERS TRAPPED IN DA NANG RESUMED NORMAL ACTIVITY BUT STUDENTS WERE DEMOTED BY ONE GRADE BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO COMMUNIST EXPLANATIONS, CULTURAL LEVEL IN RVN IS LOWER THAN IN DRV DUE TO INFLUENCE OF DEPARTED FOREIGN CULTURE WHICH LACKS NATIONAL AND REVOLUTIONARY CHARACTERISTICS. THEATERS NOW SHOW ONLY COMMUNIST FILMS AND ARTISTIC GROUPS REPEATEDLY PERFORM PLAYS SATURATED WITH PROPAGANDA. PEOPLE WITH RADIOS ARE ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN TO LISTEN TO ANY RADIO STATION OTHER THAN THOSE BROADCAST FROM PEKING, HANOI AND LIBERATION RADIO. IN SPITE OF BAN, PEOPLE STILL LISTEN TO FOREIGN STATIONS AND SAIGON AND ARE DELIGHTED TO

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LEARN THAT RVNAF IS RETAKING SOME PROVINCES IN COASTAL AREAS.

5. ECONOMIC: BOTH RVN AND VC MONEY ARE STILL IN CIRCULATION. COMMUNIST CADRES USE VC MONEY WHICH IS EXCHANGED AT RATE OF VC\$1 TO RVN\$1,000. PERFUMED CIGARETTES AND MEAT APPEAR VERY PRECIOUS TO COMMUNIST CADRE AND WATCHES, RADIOS AND SCOOTERS ARE ALSO

PRIZED ITEMS. COMMUNISTS HAVE CONFISCATED ALL SCOOTERS AND CARS FOR THEIR OWN USE, IF OWNERS CANNOT PRODUCE OWNERSHIP CARD. COMMUNIST CADRE COVER UP ACTS OF PIRACY BY PRETENDING TO PURCHASE ITEMS. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY PAY ONLY VC\$2 FOR KILO OF MEAN VALUED AT RVN\$2,000. MERCHANTS ACCEPT PRICE OUT OF FEAR BUT WITH VC\$2 THEY CANNOT BUY BACK SAME QUANTITY OF MEAN. COMMUNIST CADRE ALSO DECLARED THAT, IN FUTURE, PEOPLE MUST SURRENDER ALL THEIR GOLD. EACH FAMILY CAN RETAIN ONLY ONE OUNCE OF GOLD PROVIDING IT BEARS STAMP OF LIBERATION FRONT. AS FOR MONEY, EVEN RICHEST PEOPLE CAN KEEP ONLY VC\$500 AFTER HAVING TURNED IN TOTALITY OF RVN CURRENCY.

6. MILITARY: COMMUNIST CADRE ARE POSTED ON EACH STREET CORNER TO MAINTAIN SECURITY AND ORDER. WEAPONS LEFT BEHIND BY RVN TROOPS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO YOUNG MEN WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO GUARD DUTY. AT AIRFIELD AND ALONG COAST, COMMUNISTS HAVE DUG MANY TRENCHES EQUIPPED WITH ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS AS PRECAUTIONS AGAINST RVN LANDING OR BOMBING. EACH DAY, STUDENTS ARE COMPELLED BY COMMUNIST CADRE WHO SUPERVISE THEM TO PICK UP CORPSES AT AIRPORT OR FLOATING NEAR THE BEACH. FORMER GVN HEADQUARTERS IS USED BY COMMUNISTS AS COASTAL AREA MILITARY COMMAND. THERE ARE MANY YOUNG FEMALE CADRE AND TEENAGERS SERVING IN NVA. MOST APPEARED PALE AND UNDERNOURISHED.

7. SOME RVN UNITS ARE STILL HOLDING OUT IN SUBURBS OF DA NANG. FOR EXAMPLE, MARINE COMPANY WITH YOUNG LIEUTENANT AS COMMANDING OFFICER IS PRESENTLY STATIONED ON HILL ABOUT FIVE MILES FROM DA NANG. COMMUNISTS HAVE REPEATEDLY CALLED ON UNIT TO SURRENDER. A NUMBER OF HIGH-RANKING ARVN OFFICERS WHICH WERE VISIBLE DURING FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER TAKEOVER, WERE NOT SEEN AGAIN AFTER THEIR  
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VOICES WERE BROADCAST ON DA NANG RADIO. A NUMBER OF DEPUTIES WERE ALSO NOT SEEN AND PROBABLY MET SAME FATE AS FOREMENTIONED OFFICERS. ALONG ROAD BETWEEN DA NANG AND TAM KY THERE WERE MANY SOVIET-MADE VEHICLES TOWING 3-METER LONG ARTILLERY PIECES.  
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